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# H. R. 7751

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER (for herself and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To enhance the security of the United States and its allies, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Energy Security Co-  
5       operation with Allied Partners in Europe Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7       It is the policy of the United States—

8           (1) to reduce the dependency of allies and part-  
9           ners of the United States on Russian energy re-

1       sources, especially natural gas, in order for those  
2       countries to achieve lasting and dependable energy  
3       security;

4               (2) to condemn the Government of the Russian  
5       Federation for, and to deter that government from,  
6       using its energy resources as a geopolitical weapon  
7       to coerce, intimidate, and influence other countries;

8               (3) to improve energy security in Europe by in-  
9       creasing access to diverse, reliable, and affordable  
10      energy;

11               (4) to promote energy security in Europe by  
12       working with the European Union and other allies of  
13       the United States to develop liberalized energy mar-  
14       kets that provide diversified energy sources, sup-  
15       pliers, and routes;

16               (5) to continue to strongly oppose the Nord  
17       Stream 2 pipeline based on its detrimental effects on  
18       the energy security of the European Union and the  
19       economy of Ukraine and other countries in Central  
20       Europe through which natural gas is transported;  
21       and

22               (6) to support countries that are allies or part-  
23       ners of the United States by expediting the export  
24       of energy resources from the United States.

1   **SEC. 3. NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

2       The President should direct the United States Per-  
3 manent Representative on the Council of the North Atlan-  
4 tic Treaty Organization (in this Act referred to as  
5 “NATO”) to use the voice and influence of the United  
6 States to encourage NATO member countries to work to-  
7 gether to achieve energy security for those countries and  
8 countries in Europe and Eurasia that are partners of  
9 NATO.

10   **SEC. 4. TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.**

11       (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
12 gress that the United States and other NATO member  
13 countries should explore ways to ensure that NATO mem-  
14 ber countries diversify their energy supplies and routes in  
15 order to enhance their energy security, including through  
16 the development of a transatlantic energy strategy.

17       (b) TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
20 retary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-  
21 trator of the United States Agency for International  
22 Development and the Secretary of Energy, shall sub-  
23 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
24 transatlantic energy strategy for the United  
25 States—

(B) to increase exports of energy, energy technologies, and energy development services from the United States to such countries.

**14 SEC. 5. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**

**15 URAL GAS TO UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas  
17 Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

18 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

24               “(2) A foreign country described in this para-  
25               graph is—

1                 “(A) a nation with which there is in effect  
2                 a free trade agreement requiring national treat-  
3                 ment for trade in natural gas;

4                 “(B) a member country of the North At-  
5                 lantic Treaty Organization;

6                 “(C) subject to paragraph (3), Japan; and

7                 “(D) any other foreign country if the Sec-  
8                 retary of Energy, in consultation with the Sec-  
9                 retary of State and Secretary of Defense, deter-  
10                 mines that exportation of natural gas to that  
11                 foreign country would promote the national se-  
12                 curity interests of the United States.

13                 “(3) The exportation of natural gas to Japan  
14                 shall be deemed to be consistent with the public in-  
15                 terest pursuant to paragraph (1), and applications  
16                 for such exportation shall be granted without modi-  
17                 fication or delay under that paragraph, during only  
18                 such period as the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation  
19                 and Security, signed at Washington January 19,  
20                 1960, and entered into force June 23, 1960 (11  
21                 UST 1632; TIAS 4509), between the United States  
22                 and Japan, remains in effect.”.

23                 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24                 this section shall apply with respect to applications for the  
25                 authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the

- 1 Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on,
- 2 or filed on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

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